

In re Appln. of Specht et al.  
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### AMENDMENTS

#### *IN THE SPECIFICATION*

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 32 with:

C/ A preferred embodiment of the mop element of the invention is illustrated in Fig. 8. In this embodiment, the mop element 100 is a laminar structure, and comprises a compressible liquid absorbent member 101 having a support surface 102, which preferably is a generally planar surface. Overlying at least a portion of the support surface is a flexible, relatively tough inner layer 104, which preferably is made of plastic, such as polypropylene. The inner layer 104 is adapted to overlie a mop element support 106 (partially shown in Fig. 8). The inner layer ~~106~~ 104 may be continuous, but is preferably discontinuous across the central transverse axis 107 of the mop element 100, and preferably includes spacing ribs 109 on at least a portion thereof.